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COLORADO TO RECEIVE \$16 MILLION TO FIGHT BIOTERRORISM

ALLARD CALLS HHS FUNDS GOOD NEWS FOR COLORADO'S ON GOING
EFFORTS TO COMBAT BIOTERRORISM

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today announced the State of Colorado will receive \$16 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to fight bioterrorism.

“This money is extremely important in assisting the State of Colorado with its on going efforts to combat bioterrorism,” said Allard.

The funds will be used to develop comprehensive bioterrorism preparedness plans and to expand existing programs to enhance community response. Of the \$16 million, \$14 million will be used by the State to create and carry out a statewide plan to respond to bioterrorism attacks and outbreaks of infectious disease. The remaining \$2 million will be used by hospitals to create regional plans to deal with potential outbreaks or attacks.

“Hospitals, local governments and health departments play a key role in fighting the outbreak of infectious diseases and working to prevent terrorist attacks,” added Allard.

The \$16 million for Colorado is part of the \$2.9 billion allocated for bioterrorism in the defense appropriations bill that Congress passed in December. Each state was given a base \$5 million and additional funds based on its share of the total U.S. population.